

Sinister Drug

Celebrezze says many pregnant women took Thalidomide, gave birth to normal children. See Page 2.

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River Waste Study

WSU researchers use model of Umpqua River for study of industrial wastes. See Page 3.



SCOURGE OF FIRE compounded the massive damage done by the explosives truck blast which rocked Roseburg Aug. 7, 1959, in the pre-dawn hours. Firemen from miles away came to the assistance of Roseburg fire fighters as fear of a second explosion from butane gas storage tanks loomed. Although no explosion resulted, the fire proved almost as devastating as the original blast. (News Review Photo).

Three Years Ago

'Hell' Broke Loose In Downtown Area

Three years ago today Roseburg was a smoldering, smoldering shambles. In a matter of a couple of hours, an explosion and fire had killed 13 people, injured more than 100 and caused damages of about \$9 million. A 14th person died more than a year later as a result of the blast.

Today many of the scars are still there from one of Oregon's greatest disasters. The site of a junior high school is littered with rubble. And a four-block section along the Southern Pacific railroad tracks is still barren except for weeds and isolated masses of shattered concrete.

Recovery Continues

It's still a bleak area, but the efforts of recovery are moving more quickly to cover the scar.

Rain Postpones Playoff Series

Tonight's playoff game between Roseburg and Tigard for the state American Legion baseball title has been postponed because of rain.

The two teams are scheduled to try again Wednesday at Tigard, weather permitting. Tonight's game was to have been the first of a best-of-five series.

Should the Roseburg diamond be ready Wednesday, and the Tigard field still wet, the series will be switched to Roseburg's Legion Field for the first two games, with the final outings of the series being played at Tigard.

Another possibility is the moving of all five games to whichever diamond is ready if the rains continue in either area. If the rain continues both places throughout the week the series will be shortened to a best-of-three affair.

Wednesday's game is scheduled for 8:30 p.m. (PDT) at Tigard. If the two teams play Wednesday the second game will be played Thursday at Tigard, and the series will be completed at Roseburg starting Friday.

Voters At Riddle Approve High School Bond Issue

Riddle voters Monday approved by a comfortable majority a \$293,000 bond issue for additions to the high school, with a vote of 158 in favor of the issue and 107 against, reports correspondent Erma Best.

The \$37,000 measure for cafeteria facilities did not fare so well, being defeated in a close vote of 134 "no" and 129 "yes." For the time being, Riddle will remain one of two second class districts in the county without cafeteria facilities.

The \$293,000 bond issue will provide for additions to the remodeling of the present high school building, including a shop, bus ports, garage and a new heating plant. Seven classrooms will be added along with a multi-purpose room and storage space.

On completion of the new facilities, the seventh and eighth grades will be moved to the high school site to take full advantage of specialized teaching, Mrs. Best reports. These two grades will continue to function as a separate student body for social life but will share teachers, not in the same class periods, with the high school in science, mathematics, English, social studies and physical education. These curriculum would be increased to include home economics, shop, typing, foreign language and eventually, art. This will also allow more room for lower grade pupils in the elementary building.

Calls for bids on the remodeling and construction will be issued in the near future.

Three American Airlines Avert Near Tragedies

KNOXVILLE, Tenn. (UPI) — Three American Airlines planes carrying a total of 126 persons ran into trouble Monday night. One crashed on landing at the Knoxville airport but there were no serious injuries.

"God was with American tonight," local manager Harvey Hallock said later.

American Airlines Flight 414 from Dallas to New York was shoved off the runway here by a violent gust of wind in a thunderstorm just as it touched down. The right wing broke off, and the two engines on the wing burst into flames.

An American Convair with 31 passengers and a crew of three developed engine trouble over Elkins, W.Va., and was forced to return to Kanawha Airport at Charleston, W.Va., on one engine. An American DC-6 with 21 aboard made a "precautionary landing" at Memphis because "one engine was running rough."

Flight 414, a turbo-prop Electra, carried 66 passengers, including two congressmen, and a crew of five.

Capt. Vic James, 49, Fort Worth, Tex., a veteran of 28 years of flying, was the pilot.

The plane hit the runway in a blinding rain at 100 miles per hour. The right landing gear went off the runway as a gust of wind caught the plane. The wheels bogged down in the mud, and James could not hold it.

"One prop didn't come into reverse right away," James said later. "By the time it came in we were already off the runway."

No. 3 and 4 engines on the right wing came off and caught on fire.

The passengers and crew scrambled out.

Crash trucks speeding from the terminal almost a mile away rushed them back to the airline offices.

An anxious search turned up two minor injuries.

Two of those aboard were Reps. Dale Dorn, D-Ark., and Clifford Davis, D-Tenn.

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Abernathy said a full report on his tests would be made today.

Mrs. Murray said the actress spent most of Saturday in bed resting.

"She wasn't ill," she said, "she was just resting."

Miss Monroe called her psychiatrist a few hours before she was found dead. He advised her to go for a drive to the beach, but Mrs. Murray said the glamorous blonde stood at the door of her bedroom and said, "I think we'll not go to the beach."

These were the last words anyone is known to have heard her say.

Miss Monroe's press agent, Pat Newcomb, was at the house until about 6 p.m. Saturday.

The housekeeper said the screen star was a person plagued by insomnia who alternated between periods of depression over her career and a happy interest in her new home — the only one she ever owned.

Depressed That Night

"I don't want to give the impression that she was depressed all the time," Mrs. Murray said, "but she was depressed that night. Being fired from her last movie, 'Something's Got To Give' was hard to take."

The housekeeper said Miss Monroe "never mentioned death" during the time she knew her.

Mrs. Murray was the one who called a doctor when she saw a light under the screen star's locked bedroom door at 3 a.m.

She said she didn't ordinarily stay with the actress but returned to her own home in nearby Santa Monica every night.

She said she had stayed on for several nights during the past week because Miss Monroe's physician did not want her to be alone too much.

U.S. To Press New Test Ban Plan



STANDING HIGH on the runway at the Roseburg Airport this morning was this blimp which had stopped to allow a change of crew. Traveling with it are three vehicles, including the bus to which it is moored. Many sightseers came to gawk at the big machine which is powered by two 275-horsepower motors. Despite its great apparent size it uses only 10 gallons of aviation fuel an hour when in flight. (News-Review photo by Andy Fauthree).

Man Still Missing

Foul Play Feared In Accident Case

Mystery surrounding the whereabouts of a former Roseburg resident and radio personality, Eugene L. Shannon, 34, of Salem, was still being investigated today by state police out of Coquille and the sheriff's department.

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Sorensen Digs Senator Morse

SEATTLE (UPI) — Presidential advisor Theodore Sorensen took a dig at Oregon Democratic Sen. Wayne Morse Monday night for opposing the administration's satellite bill.

Referring to the World's Fair Space Needle, Sorensen remarked, "It's impressive, but it would seem that a larger and sharper needle was put into us by Sen. Morse."

The Kennedy aide added, "Perhaps if we can't use the satellite for communication, we can use Morse Code."

WASHINGTON (UPI)—Supreme Court Justice William O. Douglas has agreed to hear an 11th hour appeal today from attorneys for Mrs. Elizabeth Duncan, 58, condemned to die in California's gas chamber Wednesday.

A spokesman for the high court here said Douglas has set a hearing on the appeal for 10 a.m. PDT at Glenwood, Wash., where he is vacationing.

About the time the acceptance of the appeal was announced, Mrs. Duncan was taken from the California Institution for Women in Southern California to San Quentin Prison where the execution is scheduled.

Mrs. Duncan, convicted of murder and sentenced to death for hiring two men to slay her pregnant daughter-in-law in 1958, sped north in a state car in the company of two custodial officers and a nurse.

Luis Moya, 28, and Augustine Baldonado, 23, hired by Mrs. Duncan to kill Olga Duncan, already were at San Quentin Prison. They also are scheduled to be executed Wednesday.

The body of Olga Duncan was found Dec. 21, 1958, in a shallow grave near a mountain highway. She had been pistol whipped and strangled.

The victim, wife of attorney Frank Duncan, was lured from her Santa Barbara apartment Nov. 17, 1958, by Baldonado and Moya on the pretext her husband was injured.

On March 20, 1959, Mrs. Duncan and her codefendants were convicted and later ordered executed. Various dates for death have been set but appeals have brought postponements.

TO VISIT FAR EAST

WASHINGTON (UPI) — Peace Corps Director Sargent Shriver will leave Wednesday for a 25-day tour of corps projects in the Far East.

The trip will take him to the Philippines, Thailand, Malaysia, North Borneo and Sarawak.

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